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Docket No. B-3804PCTDIV

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Anticipated Classification  
of this application

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application: 09/423,758

Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick

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Sir:

CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional

application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S.  
Application Serial No. 09/423,758 filed on February 16 2000, which  
is the U.S. National Stage of PCT International Patent Application  
No. PCT/GB98/01414 (filed on May 15, 1998), which PCT application  
designates the United States of America, of (1) Roger Cecil Ferry  
TUCKER, (2) Carl William SEYMOUR, and (3) Anthony John ROBINSON  
for "AUDIO CODING SYSTEMS AND METHODS".

1. Prior Application

☒ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy  
of what is shown in my records to be the above-  
identified prior application (USSN 09/423,758),  
including 2 pages of title page and abstract, 30 pages  
of specification, 8 pages of claims, the oath or  
declaration (2 pages), and 7 sheets of drawings (Figs.  
1-12) as originally filed. The attached true copy  
constitutes the above-identified divisional application  
(please also see 8 for drawing requirements.)

NOTE: Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) practice, signing and execution of the application by the  
applicant may be omitted provided the application is a continuation or divisional which  
adds neither new matter nor new inventors to the parent application, and a copy of the  
original declaration or oath from the parent application is supplied with the new  
application - 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as attached therein are  
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2. Amendments

[ ] Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

[X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

NOTE: Only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered before calculating the final fee.

3. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$750.00
Total			
Claims	4 -20=	0 x \$ 18.00	0
Independent			
Claims	2 -3=	0 x \$ 84.00	0
Multiple dependent			
Claim(s), if any		0 x \$ 280.00	0

[ ] The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendments, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d).

Filing fee calculation \$ 750.00

4. Small Entity Status

[ ] a verified statement that this is a filing by a small entity is attached.

[ ] a verified statement has previously been filed in the parent application (37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (a)).

Filing fee calculation (50% of above) \$ \_\_\_\_

NOTE: If a verified statement is filed within two (2) months of the date of payment of the first fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. Notice of January 20, 1983. 1027 TMOG 114.

5. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Not enclosed

[ ] no filing fee is submitted. This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.

Enclosed

[X] filing fee \$ 750.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

[X] enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 750.00

[ ] charge account number 12-0415 in the amount of \$

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid - 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b)

7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required to Account No. 12-0415:

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (filing fees and presentation of extra claims)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application...prior to paying...issue fee."

8. Drawings

- ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by (1) the applicant, (2) the assignee of record or (3) the attorney or agent of record authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)

NOTE: ~~DO NOT~~ check this box if prior case is not to be abandoned.

- ☐ Transfer the following sheet(s) of drawings from the prior application to this application \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Transferring sheets must be cancelled in prior application 37 C.F.R. § 1.88

- ☒ Drawings are enclosed (see true copy of prior application USSN 09/423,758)

9. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119

- ☒ Priority of application Serial No. EP 97303321.0 filed on May 15, 1997 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ The certified copy of EP Appln. No. 97303321.0 has been filed in prior PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/GB98/01414.

10. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. 120

The Preliminary Amendment presents an amendment to the specification to relate this divisional application to its parent. This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/423,758 filed on February 16 2000, which is the U.S. National Stage of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/GB98/01414 (filed on May 15, 1998), which PCT application designates the United States of America.

11. Assignment

- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to (1) Hewlett-Packard Company

- ☒ Attached is the following number of Assignments: 1 and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do NOT file old cover sheets.)

12. Power of Attorney  
CUSTOMER NO.: 36716

- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the .  
prior application
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original  
papers, a copy of the power in the prior  
application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ A copy of the executed Supplemental  
Declaration/Power is enclosed herewith.
- d. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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Intellectual Property Administration  
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Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

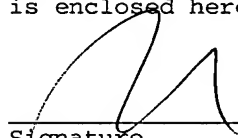
- e. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney has been executed  
and is attached.  
(May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record).

13. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend  
the term in the pending prior application \_\_\_\_\_ until  
\_\_\_\_\_.

14. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

July 18, 2003  
Date

  
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- ☐ Inventor(s)  
☐ Assignee of complete interest  
☒ Attorney or agent of record  
☐ Filed under Rule 34(a)

Enclosures: seven (7) sheets of drawings (1-12)

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- postcard
- check for \$750.00 to cover official filing fee
- Transmittal letter with Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (4 pages)
- Preliminary amendment (4 pages)
- True copy of parent application U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/423,758 consisting of: 2 pages of title page and abstract, 30 pages of specification, 8 pages of claims, the oath or declaration (2 pages), and 7 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-12)
- 7 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-12), with cover sheet (1 page)
- Claim to Priority (1 page)
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 (modified) (4 pages)
- Assignment document (1 page) with Cover Sheet (1 page), and check for \$40.00 to cover Assignment recordal fee

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